(c) Shri Moti Lai Meena had represented on 22-9-95 for giving him the benefit of promotion against ST point in the roster. The case was examined at apppropriate levels and it was decided on 30-7-96 that he can be promoted against unused ST point in the roster. Accordingly, order of his promotion was issued fixing his pay as per revised Scale in consultation with Finance. The time was taken in deciding the very old claim at appropriate levels and there was no intentional delay at any level.

N.G and M.G. Railway Lines in Gujarat

4253. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the totdl length of Narrow Gauge (NG) and Metre Gauge (MG) Railways lines which exist at present in the State of Gujarat NG and MG separately;

(b) the length of NG and MG lines in the State which are lying unused/damaged as on date, linewise;

(c) what steps Government have taken to repair the damaged lines and start rail traffic on the unused and repaired lines;

(d) whether Government have any plans to convert these NG and MG lines of the State into Broad Gauge (BG) in the near future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The total length of Narrow Gauge and Metre Gauge Railway lines (Route Kilometres) in the State of Gujarat as on 31-93-1997 (latest available) are given below:

Narrow Gague	876 Kms.
Metre Gauge	2532 Kms.

(b) The following NG and MG lines in Gujarat are lying unused/damaged: *NG Lines*

(i) Kosamba-Umarapada — 61:96 Kms. since 16.06.1994

(ii) Ankleshwar — Jhagdia — Rajpipla — 62-80 kips, —since T6-06-1994

(iii) Jhagdia — Netrang — 2721kms. — since 16.06.1994

(iv) Chota Udaipur — Eodeli — 36.15 Kms. since 23.8.1990

(v) Dabhoi — Timba Road — 100.38 Kms. since 09.07.1993

(vi) Champaner — Pani mines — 49.14 Kms. since 23.08.1990

(vii) Godhra — Lunavada — 40.63 Kms. since 09.07.1993

MG Lines

Mahaesana — Ranuj — 26.37 Kms. since 30.06.1997

(c) Decision has already been taken to reopen the following NG Lints:—

(i) Kosamba — Umarpada — 61.96 Kms.

(ii) Ankleshwar — Jhagdia — Rajpipla — 62.80 Kms.

(iii) Jhagdia — Netrang — 27.21 Kms

(iv) Chota Udaipw — Bodeli — 36.15 Kms

(v) Dabhoi — Sanlaya — Timba Road — 100.38 Kms

The work of rebuilding of bridges on Mahesana— Ranuj section has been taken up and it is likely to be completed within 20 months.

(d) and (c) Out of these lines, only Mahesana Patan is likely to be converted to BG in the near future.